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I am a lifelong Oregonian and a member of the Portland Audubon. I am writing out of concern about the current EPA plan about how to clean up the toxic waters and sediment in the Willamette River. According to an Audubon email I received this morning, there is a current plan to "clean up" the river but leave 85% of the river contaminated with heavy metals and chemicals that are known risks to human health. This is unacceptable.

What does it mean to me and to future generations that the EPA would allow "monitored natural recovery"? I wonder how it will help future generations to have a toxic waste disposal dump in the river--again, not a real solution.

A portion of our river has been declared a Superfund site--this is a disgrace and I believe that the companies responsible should contribute more money and effort to the cleanup and that our government should be enforcing that. I object to the idea that our river is going to be poisoned water and habitat for poisoned fish for decades to come. I'm astounded that we are talking about just waiting for chemicals like DDT, PCBs and Lb to be dispersed. Please do not adopt this plan and please take another look at the legacy we have created and which we have a responsibility to remedy. This entire country is poisoned with chemicals manufactured by industries which have enriched themselves at our expense. They need to be held responsible for these behaviors. God knows, they have the money to pay for it--just look at their executive salaries!